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1. INDOCHINA

MCARTHUR (LAT 1/20) NOTES RECENT REFUGEE DETAILED REPORT OF US POW HELD UNDER GUARD BY VN SOLDIERS IN 1975. SAYS STORY BEING CHECKED.

"READER'S DIGEST" PREVIEW OF BOOK TO BE PUBLISHED SOON SAYS RADICAL REORGANIZATION CAMBODIAN SOCIETY BY KR KILLED OVER 1 MILLION PEOPLE (CSM).

PRAVDA SAYS PRES' PARDON DRAFT-DODGERS SEEN IN US AS AD-MISSION "INTERFERENCE" IN VN WAS "GROSS POLITICAL MISTAKE" UNCLASSIFIED

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(AP, PHINQ).

2. INDOCHINA/HONG KONG

GROUP 162 HK RESIDENTS W/DEPENDENTS ARRIVE HOME ON CHARTER FLIGHT FROM VN. ABOUT 1500 HK CITIZENS STILL REMAIN IN VN (REUTER, WP 1/23).

3. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

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PHINQ, GLOBE CARRY AP PIC VIET REFUGEE CHILDREN WAVING AT VISITORS FROM BEHIND BARBED WIRE IN THAI CAMP.

4. THAILAND

SOUTHERLAND (CSM) REPORTS LEAKED CABLES REACH CLERGY & LAITY COMBINED THAT INDICATE US ABLE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY TO ESTABLISH BETTER RELS W/MIL-DOMINATED GOVT THAN HAD W/PRECEDING CIVILIAN REGIME. QUOTES EMB SUMMARY IN TELS THAT OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS HAD "DISAPPEARED WITH THE FORMER GOVERNMENT." ADDS DOS REFUSES COMMENT ON ALLEGED PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS. STATES CABLES SUGGEST NEW RTG COUNTS HEAVILY ON MORE AUTHORITARIAN RULE CREATING FAVORABLE INVESTMENT CLIMATE THAT WILL ATTRACT SIGNIFICANT FON CAPITAL.

POLICE ARREST 15 WORKERS AT CERAMICS FACTORY 60 MI N BANGKOK FOR VIOLATING GOVT BAN ON STRIKES (AP WP, NYDN).

5. BURMA

SPECIAL TRAINING BEGINS FOR 100 ARMY OFFICERS/MEN TO WORK IN RUBY MINES, EVENTUALLY FORM GEMS MINING CO-OP IN HOPES BOOST PRODUCTION/STOP ILLEGAL MINING OPNS (REUTER, SUN 1/23).

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6. KOREA

HOUSE ETHICS CMTE/HIRC PROBES OF ROK INFLUENCE-PEDDLING EXPECTED TO GET UNDERWAY THIS WEEK--PUBLIC HEARINGS NOT EXPECTED BEFORE LATE SPRING DUE NEED EXTENSIVE PRELIM INVESTIGATION (WP'S BABCOCK 1/23).

SENATE MINORITY LEADER BAKER, ON "MEET THE PRESS" 1/23, SAYS AS MANY AS 40/50 MEMBERS CONGRESS MAY BE INVOLVED SK INFLUENCE-BUYING SCANDAL--ASSERTS MOST ARE DEM HOUSE MEMBERS (AP IN QP, PHINQ, SUN).

IRS, COOPERATING W/JUSTICE INVESTIGATION SK ACTIVITIES HERE, FILES TAX LIENS TOTALING OVER 4.5 MILLION DOLS AGAINST TONGSUN PARK PROPERTIES/ACCOUNTS US ON BASIS HIS POSSIBLE BACK TAX LIABILITY FOR 1972-75 (NYT'S HALLORAN, WSTAR'S OPPENHEIMER, WP'S ARMSTRONG/CHESHIRE, AP SUN 1/22; AP WSJ 1/24). MANY PARK ASSETS MAY BE OUT OF IRS REACH DUE TRANSFER FROM US/HIS NONRESIDENT ALIEN STATUS (WP'S ARMSTRONG/CHESHIRE 1/23).

PHINQ CARRIES OBIT RE REV DR. ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL WHO WORKED KOREA AS MISSIONARY OVER 40 YRS.

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7. CHINA

UNOFFICIAL SOURCE SAYS TENG HSIAO-PING WILL BE REHABILI-
TATED AS CP 1ST VICE CHMN (WP; REUTER, SUN). BUTTERFIELD
(NYT) QUOTES REPORT THAT TENG WILL BE REHABILITATED IN
7-10 DAYS. NOTES MENTIONED POSITION WOULD MAKE HIM 2ND-
RANKING FIGURE IN PRC. SAYS ANALYSTS DIVIDED OVER WHETHER
TENG'S RETURN WOULD BE THREAT TO HUA OR STRENGTHEN HIS
POSITION.

PRC REVIVES FILMS/PLAYS BANNED BY CHIANG CHING IN 60S,
ALLOWS SINGERS/MUSICIANS SHE DISLIKED TO REAPPEAR. MOVES
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REPORTEDLY POPULAR W/PUBLIC (BUTTERFIELD, NYT 1/22).
PEKING PAPER LIKENS CHIANG CHING TO SCARLETT O'HARA AS
"RESTORATIONIST"/"CAREERIST" WHO WAS "DOUBLE-DEALING"
(AP, SUN).

SUN'S ISAACS (1/22) REPORTS PRC EDUCATIONAL POLICY UNDER
REVIEW; BELIEVES "EXPERTNESS" MAY BE PUT ABOVE "CORRECT"
POLITICAL ORIENTATION.

EXILED USSR DISSIDENT ALMARIK HAS ADDED 10-20 YRS TO TIME-
TABLE FOR USSR-PRC WAR HE GAVE IN BOOK. SAYS UNDER-
ESTIMATED USSR FLEXIBILITY/OVERESTIMATED PRC MIL CAPABILI-
TIES, SO WAR NOT "INESCAPABLE" BEFORE 1984 AS EARLIER
BELIEVED (GRAY, CSM). HOAGLAND (WP) SEES PEKING-PRETORIA
FRIENDSHIP STIMULATED BY COMMON ENEMY, USSR. REVIEWS PRC
INVOLVEMENT IN AFRICA.

PRC OFFICIAL SAYS SETTLEMENT TAIWAN ISSUE IS "MINOR
QUESTION" STANDING IN WAY NORMALIZING RELS BETW CHINA/US
(WP 1/23).

MEYER (JOC) REPORTS PRC MAY BE READY ENTER TALKS W/US
THAT COULD RESULT IN OPENING CHINA'S PORTS TO US-FLAG
SHIPPING. NOTES MAIN OBSTACLE IS UNRESOLVED QUESTION
FROZEN ASSETS.

8. JAPAN

INDICTMENTS MILLIONAIRE OSANO/TANAKA AIDE KODAMA IN LOCK-
HEED AFFAIR RECEIVE MODERATE COVERAGE (TAKAYAMA, SUN; WP;
BOTH 1/22; WSJ). TANAKA TRIAL SCHEDULED FOR 1/27 (AP NYT
1/22). KAMM (NYT) CITES STATISTICS RE INVESTIGATION RE-
LEASED BY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE: 470 QUESTIONED, 66,800
PIECES EVIDENCE COLLECTED, 103 OFFICIALS SPENT 47,190

MAN-DAYS ON CASE. ADDS MAJOR JAPANESE NEWSPAPERS CRIT-
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ICAL OF "AIR OF FINALITY" ABOUT PROBE. "INFORMED CIRCLES" BELIEVE FUKUDA SEEKING CLOSE CASE, FEARING MORE DISCLOSURES WOULD FURTHER DAMAGE LDP.

JAPANESE FISHING BOAT/28-MEMBER CREW SEIZED OFF ALASKAN COAST 1/21 FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION CRABS. SHIP CAPT WILL BE ARRAIGNED IN ANCHORAGE FED COURT TUES (AP WSTAR 1/22).

AT TOKYO PRESS CONF FRIDAY, FRENCH TRANSPORT MIN SAID JAPAN-EC SHIPBUILDING AGREEMENT MUST BE REACHED WITHIN SEVERAL MONTHS AT LATEST. NOTED FRENCH SHIPBUILDERS HAVE NOT RECEIVED SINGLE ORDER OVER PAST YEAR, NOW ON BRINK TOTAL COLLAPSE (CULLISON, JOC).

THARP (WSJ) REPORTS YEN LURING CURRENCY SPECULATORS WHO BELIEVE IT CHEAPER AGAINST EUR CURRENCIES. DOLLAR GROWING WEAKER ON TOKYO FOREX MART.

JAPAN'S 2-WAY WORLD TRADE IN CALENDAR '76 REACHED ALL-TIME RECORD 132 BIL DOLS, PROVIDING 2.48 TRADE SURPLUS (CULLISON).

RESPONDING TO REQUESTS FROM US/EC/OTHERS, GOJ WILL GRANT 3-YR DELAY IN IMPOSING STRICT AUTO EMISSION RULES ON FONMFRD AUTOS EXPORTED TO JAPAN (CULLISON).

NYT ITEM ON FON INVESTMENT IN US NOTES JAPAN'S '76 INVESTMENTS DROPPED 33 PCT OVER '75 LEVEL--ONLY MAJOR INDUSTRIAL COUNTRY NOT POSTING INVESTMENT INCREASES (SUN).

KILBORN (NYT) DOES ITEM ON SONY'S WELSH PLANT. NOTES ENTERPRISE UNUSUALLY SUCCESSFUL DESPITE LANGUAGE BARRIER/MANAGEMENT METHODS SELDOM SEEN IN BRITAIN.

FREIGHTER COLLISION 7 MILES OFF HONSHU COAST 1/23 CAUSED 2 1/2 TONS ARSENIC ACID DUMP INTO SEA; MARITIME AGNCY UNCLASSIFIED

SAYS LITTLE DANGER TO HUMAN/MARINE LIFE (AP NYT; WP).

9. INDONESIA

FORECASTERS PREDICT MORE RAIN THIS WEEKEND IN JAKARTA, WHERE FLOODS HAVE KILLED 7 SINCE WEDNESDAY (UPI, WP 1/22).

HEALTH OFFICIALS INITIATE MASS INOCULATION CAMPAIGN AGAINST CHOLERA, WHICH KILLED 49 SINCE JAN (REUTER WP).

INDO BANKING SOURCES BELIEVE HUGE AMTS OVERDUE/UNCOLLECTABLE LOANS BY COUNTRY'S LARGEST BANK MAY HAVE CAUSED SUD-

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DEN RESIGNATION BANK'S CHRMN/ENTIRE BOARD (WSJ).
10. MONDALE TRIP

EXTENSIVE COVERAGE VP'S 10-DAY/6-NATION TRIP TO EUR/JAPAN. BRIEFING NEWSMEN, DOS OFFICIALS SAID SPECIFIC ISSUES TO BE TAKEN UP W/LEADERS INCLUDE PROSPECTS SMOOTHER TRADE RELS BETW INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES/N-S DIALOGUE/E-W RELS/ REDUCTION US' 42,000 TROOPS IN KOREA (WEINRAUB, NYT; TREWHITT, SUN 1/23; WSTAR 1/23). IN BRUSSELS 1/24, VP SAID TOUR UNDERTAKEN TO DRAMATIZE "HIGH PRIORITY" OF CONSULTATIONS W/"FRIENDS AND ALLIES" (TREWHITT, SUN). MONDALE FLIES TO TOKYO SATURDAY BEFORE RETURNING 2/1 (PHINQ). ECON ISSUES EXPECTED BE IN FOREFRONT, W/TRIP PRELUDE TO INDUSTRIAL NATIONS' ECON SUMMIT LATER THIS YR (BRODER, WP). LEWIS (NYT) REPORTS UK/FRANCE/ITALY MAY PRESS MONDALE URGE FRG/JAPAN STIMULATE ECONOMIES--POINT WHICH LIKELY BE RESISTED BY BOTH COUNTRIES.

THARP (CSM) REPORTS GROUP AMERICAN MISSIONARIES/SCHOLARS RESIDING IN TOKYO HAS REQUESTED MEET W/MONDALE THERE. GROUP PLANS ASK VP'S COOPERATION TO ACHIEVE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL US TROOPS/NUKE WEAPONS FROM SK, PUBLIC EXPRESSION US DISAPPROVAL PARK'S POLICIES, GREATER EASING OF TENSION AS 1ST STEP TOWARD REUNIFICATION. ONE GROUP MEMBER
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SAYS IF VP REFUSES MTG, "WE WILL MARCH ON THE AMERICAN EMBASSY."

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. INDOCHINA

VANOCUR (WP 1/23) REVIEWS GLORIA EMERSON'S "WINNERS AND LOSERS." CALLS IT "BRILLIANT IMPRESSIONISTIC ACCOUNT" OF HOW WAR LOOKED TO HER, HOW WAR LOOKED TO THOSE WHO HAD FOUGHT IT/HAD NOT. SAYS MANY POL LEADERS WRONG ABOUT WAR, SO WANT FORGET IT; TONE SET BY NEW PRES WHO REACHES BACK TO NAME TO DOS/DOD 2 MEN WHO NEVER MOUNTED PROTEST VS WAR WHILE IN OFFICE; TONE SET BY WASHINGTON WHERE MANY GAVE GOING-AWAY PARTIES FOR SECSTATE WHO LENT "FULL SUPPORT" TO PROLONGATION WAR FOR 4 YRS AND IN PROCESS "HELPED DESTROY" CAMBODIA.

12. CHINA

ROCHE (WSTAR 1/22) SEES REAL ISSUE IN PRC AS UNITY/CHAOS. SAYS QUESTION IS NOT WHO WILL SUCCEED "EMPEROR MAO," BUT WILL "EMPIRE" REMAIN UNIFIED OR DISINTEGRATE. NOTES WARLORDISM HAS BEEN DOMINANT FACT CHINESE HISTORY; ADDS WHAT PRC NEEDS TODAY IS STRONG EMPEROR, MODELED ON CHOU-EN-LAI. BELIEVES PLA ONLY CAN SUSTAIN CHINESE UNITY;

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13. GENERAL

WP'S BRADSHER (1/21) STATES PRES CARTER'S SPECIAL WORLDWIDE BROADCAST "UNPRECEDENTED APPEAL TO THE REST OF THE WORLD FOR COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES IN SOLVING MANKIND'S PROBLEMS."

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WP LEAD EDIT (1/23) SAYS JUST AS PRES CARTER CONSTRUES AMERICANS AS SINGLE VALUE-BOUND COMMUNITY, HE SEES OTHER NATIONS/PEOPLES AS "PARTNERS IN A COMMON ENTERPRISE, LIVING TOGETHER ON A SINGLE GLOBE." EDIT ACKNOWLEDGES REALITIES LIMIT NEW INITIATIVES, BUT FEELS POSSIBILITIES OF REAL CHANGE FOR BETTER EXIST.

SUN LEAD EDIT (1/23) SAYS PRES MUST ACT DECISIVELY ON SEVERAL DOMESTIC PROBLEMS, BUT "FOREIGN POLICY WILL NOT WAIT"--CITES DEFENSE BUDGET, VP MONDALE'S CURRENT TRIP, FORTHCOMING TRAVELS SECSTATE VANCE, SALT, MIDEAST, NUKE CONTROL, AND NORTH-SOUTH-OPEC DIALOGUE.

SUN'S TREWHITT (1/22) SEES NEW DOS TEAM GETTING INTO GEAR--EXPECTS FRESH INITIATIVES ON NUMBER OF FOREIGN POLICY ITEMS/MORE TRAVEL BY SECSTATE VANCE THAN HINTED BEFORE INAUGURATION. - -

SEN MOYNIHAN CALLS FOR "SINGLE STANDARD" RE HUMAN RIGHTS--WANTS US TO BE CONSISTENT. IF WE BLAST CHILE, CAMBODIAN KR, THAN BLAST IAN SMITH AS WELL. WSTAR EDIT (1/21) POINTS OUT DIFFICULTIES W/"SINGLE STANDARD" IN APPLICATION. ASKS HOW FAR TO GO IN SUPPORTING LESSER EVILS IN HOPE PREVENTING GREATER ONES, AS IN ROK. NOTES DANGER WE MIGHT BENEFIT "UNEQUIVOCAL ENEMIES BY UNDERCUTTING DUBIOUS FRIENDS."

WSJ'S NEWMAN REPORTS STEPS BEING TAKEN BY SINGAPORE, INDO-NESIA, MALAYSIA AND JAPAN MAY MAKE MALACCA STRAIT SAFER FOR SHIP PASSAGE WITHIN A FEW MONTHS.

NYT CARRIES LONG AP FEATURE RE PERVASIVE INFLUENCE ON GLOBAL CULTURE OF US DANCERS, NOVELISTS, PAINTERS AND MUSICIANS.
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